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HOME MISSIONS,
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New-York, Sept. 6. 1870.

Rev. S. Jackson.
Dear Brother.

Your letter of the 16. ult. about Westminster Church & W. Y. Brown, has been received.

We wish to say

1. That Mr. Brown's Commission did not authorize any Presbytery, any where to fill it up or to place & amount. That is something reserved by the Board for its own action.
2. To us here we cannot see any ground of controversy between Presbyterians in Denver. The Church came to Chicago Presbytery, solely to obtain Wells & in the belief that we would give more money than the old Board, now. Re-Union being accomplished – & the Church put back what farther need of controversy? It never was a question of "Schools" & the members of the Westminster never had any rights in the old Church which they cannot have to-day if they will only go back there.

Then, there is only one question to answer.

Is a Second Presbn Church needed

in Denver?

One strong church in a town is better than three weak ones. instance. St. Jo. & Kansas City Mo. & many other places. I cannot see that we ought to have another church in Denver at present. But it seems to us quite essential that if we approve the application we need good assurance of the following things-

1. A good show for money to build a house with.
2. The assurance that the old church will not ask any aid after Mr. Wells' present year closes-
3. The good-will & fellowship of Mr. Wells & his people. Can you give any light on any of these points? We of course wish for peace among the people of God in Denver- but if the old church do not unite cordially in this movement- to commission Mr. Brown would be sending not peace but a sword.'

As at present advised we cannot think the population of Denver large enough at present or likely to be large enough for several years to make the formation of another church advisable. But we shall be glad to hear from you on the whole case. Yours truly H. Kendall

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New-York, Sept. 6. 1878.

Dear Bro. Jackson -

You cannot be too careful not to become involved or take any part in the alienations of the two parties in Denver. You must ignore it some of the time - try to settle it up & reconcile all parties as far as may be. But if the Presbyterian force gets embroiled in Colo. then farewell to all growth. It is most deplorable in Denver particularly the strong point in the State.

I am most anxious to hear from your New Mexico trip -

Yours truly
H. Kendall

New York Sept, 8 1870

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver, Colorado

Rev. And Dear Bro-

When I came on here, I found that most of the men upon whom I rely for assistance in my movement, are out of town, and therefore, I have made but little actual progress in raising money:- but I am maturing my plans, and if nothing interferes with them, I think I shall raise about $6,000 East- the balance we shall have to raise in the West. Rev. Dr Kendall seems to be rather jealous of the movement: and has written to Wells in regard to the same- also I believe to yourself. I find that it will help me very much to have a written statement from you embracing ~~entracing~~ among others the following points —

1. The present population of Denver, including the surrounding country who come to Denver to church. —

2. As to the prospective growth of the town, the establishment of Machine Shops, Car Factories by Rail Roads &c — Also Smelting Works &c

3. As to the necessity of this Church and its location north East Den city so as to be in the midst of a large population within which there is no church building of any denomination —

4. That the establishment of this Church is essential to the peace and prosperity of the

Presbyterian *Cause* in *Denver*! I believe it is — and I believe this is the general feeling in the Presbytery.

Please answer, if *possible* by *re-turn mail* —

Address Rev. W. Y. Brown
care of 624 Locust St
Philadelphia Pa.

Also at Presbytery, Please pass if you can a Resolution of Presbytery Commending the "Stuart Reunion Church" — and especially *declaring* as the earnest conviction of Presbytery that the establishment of this church is necessary to the peace and prosperity of Presbyterianism in Denver.

Forward this action to me as quick as possible. The Bd.

of Home Missions meets here on the 20" inst – at which this whole question of giving me a Commission for Denver is to be decided.

If they will not commission me to Denver, or some one else to the Westminster or "Stuart Church" – Then I think Presbytery ought to ~~infer~~ interfere, and protect the Westminster people in their just rights to the possession of the Church building –

Yours
W. Y. B

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Please receive the Enclosed donation $21.00 from the Infant S. S Oswego, N. Y. to be appropriated in part or in whole to Rev George Rice Idaho Colorado Terr for his Sabbath School.

The little Children of the Sabbath School will be greatly delighted to hear from him of his School and how he appropriates their money.

One of our missionary boxes we hope soon to have ready. Mr Kepharts will be delayed a little longer. before filled.

We hope you will always find some way to dispose of our pennies - the children are very liberal in their contributions, of course we all could do more than we do.

I think your labors must be very arduous. please write when you have another object for our money.

Yours respectfully
C. H. Condict.

Please direct the note to Mr Randolph so that it may reach him without fail as we are waiting for particular directions before sending his box.

Central City Col.
Sept. 13. 1870.

Dear Bro. Jackson:—

Just before preaching Friday evening at Valmont who should drive up but Rev. Mr. Moore of Canon City. During a brief interview after service Bro. Rice learned from him that he contemplated surrendering his commission and going in with some Cumberland brethren, who are expected, in the formation of a C. Presbytery. Mr. Rice strongly advised against such a step. He thinks it would do harm to the cause while doing them no good.

I drop you this line hoping it may be of service to you in your visit to Camn Ali?

Your Bro in Christ
G. H. Mitchell

Helena M T
Sept 13th 1870.

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

I drop you a line to inquire what was done last year for our mission Church at Helena & to inquire if anything is being done

Yours truly

A T Williams
Helena
Montana

I saw in the Presbyterian Banner that your address was changed to Denver so I address you there

ATW

P.S. I forgot to mention, that Bro. David M. [illegible], [illegible] came last week [illegible] to [illegible], [illegible] he was lately appointed Chaplain in U.S. Army, [illegible] are greatly [illegible], of [illegible]

Santa Fe, New Mexico,

Sep. 9th 1870.

Dear Bro Jackson,
Denver Col,

Although I wrote you a long letter but a few days ago, I now write again, There is quite an interest here just now on the subject of Indian agents to take the place of Army officers who have lately held these Agencies, & who are to be soon mustered out, As the direction of Pres. Grant requires each applicant to furnish recommendations from the church to which he belongs, it certainly implies that Christian men are only to be appointed, With this view, now is the time for us all to move in behalf of our own church. There are four Agencies to be appointed for this territory that I know of, but there may be more, A General agent here for the Indian Department, Gov. Arny now special Indian agent for this territory may be an applicant for this office, [illegible]

to Santa Fe next week, He is a member of our church
here and would do more than any man I know in
behalf of all our missionary operations in New Mexico
When he comes, and does not want it, I will write you
Mr Brier, another member of this church, was applicant
for Agent of the Pueblo Indians, I gave him a recommendation
The other two Agents, One for Navajo Indians
at Fort Defiance where Bro. Roberts is located.
Without his knowledge I have written east to have
him appointed, Will you write to parties east in
his behalf? Write to the Board of For. Missions.
I will also write to Dr Lowrie, Mr Roberts could
get an assistant, were he appointed, and have
everything his own way among the Indians.
The other Agent is at Cimmeron, Judge Houghton
who rode with us to Las Vegas is an applicant,
Could you not secure a disabled Minister of our
church, or some good Pres. for this agency?
It would aid all our Missions very much.
Do make a vigorous effort to get a Minister
or Member of our church for Cimmeron.
I am waiting with much solicitude for a response
for deliverance from my personal embarrassment.
With kindest Regards, D. F. McFarland
Write me immediately

Corinne Utah
Sept 9th 1870.

Dear Bro Jackson,

Thank you for your encouraging letter. I am not receiving many responses to my appeal. Am preparing another. ~~In~~ not so long. The foundation is laid & the carpenter-work commenced. The building will cost us about $4800. & allowing $1200 for furnishing. $6000 in all. completed. A brother minister from New Jersey is sending me $150 for [illegible]. Drs Crosby & Duryea are going to take up collections in their churches for us. There has been considerable delay in the getting out of the lumber for framing, so that we shall not be ready to hold the dedication services before Oct 26th. I shall do as you suggest, invite all passing on the road at that time to remain vices, & encourage us by [illegible] presence & — money. I hope you will be able to be with us. Trust we shall with God's blessing, open the building free of debt.

In much haste, with kind regards from Mrs B—

I remain Dear Bro
Yours sincerely
Edwd E. Bayliss.

BANKING HOUSE
OF
Hussey, Dahler & Co.

Sept. 14th 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

D Sir

Enclosed please find check for One thousand dollars.

It is understood that I will speak to My Mother & friends east & see if they can raise this money a portion of which I will give but it is given in the shape of a loan until yr. funds from the east arrive.

Very truly

Thos. B. Morris

Wahsatch
Utah -

Rochester Minn. Sept. 19, 1870

Dear Bro. Jackson:—

The letter of Miss Williams has been sent.— We are moving in the matter of the Memorial fund. A meeting was held at which it was resolved, that the money raised should be used to remove the church debt, and a Committee of "Ways and Means" was appointed, which met and unanimously resolved to undertake the raising of $2500, and appointed persons to canvass for subscriptions.— The Enterprise was entered into with considerable enthusiasm. But just then the destructive rains commenced, which have continued so long and have proved so damaging to the newly harvested crop, the result of which has been a general feeling of depression and discouragement.

I do not think, that the ones appointed have done much in the way of endeavoring to obtain subscriptions, – this has been indeed a trying season for this place, first came the drouth by which the wheat crop was greatly injured. Then came the hail storm, which destroyed the entire crop of some and greatly damaged those of many others. And then came the rains, which have destroyed what was left in many cases. – You have no doubt heard how Mr. Andrews and Mr. Stansbury lost everything. Mr. A. has just sold, or rather traded, his house, for a farm, which is nearly covered by mortgage. Mrs. A. expects to spend the winter at Mr. Stansburys, while Mr A does not know what he will do. – So you will see, that our prospects for removing the debt are not bright unless Mr. Cook will step in and do generously. And the state of his health keeps him out of our reach very much. Mr.

Toles was appointed to see him who has had some Conversation with him on the Subject. But I do not think Mr. J. was the Man, on account of the business relations which he sustains to Mr. Cook. — Mr. C. and wife are now in Chicago to be about several weeks, He is there to be near his Physician. And this is un favorable to our effort at present. — I will make use of your suggestion in reference to having Rev. Dr. Lyon see Mr. Cook. I had been thinking of the same thing myself. — So you are making Denver your base of operations. I wish we might see your Cheerful face next week at Presbytery and at Synod. — We are in usual health. Mrs. K. better than when you were here. Give my love to Mrs Jackson. — A box of clothing would be acceptable this winter as I have told the church, that I would endeavor to live on Eleven hundred this year. —

Your bro. J. Kileen.

Presbyterian Board of Publication,
No. 1334 CHESTNUT STREET,

Philadelphia, Sept. 20. 1870

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

My Dear Brother.

We were prepared to make a Donation of Social Hymn & Tune Books for "Black Hawk" - the Elder called, said he would not take, but would write for them - It was Mr. J. G. Ridley - We have not heard from him since. This is merely to say that any delinquency is not with us. I have put your letter to Dr. Schenck into the October Monthly Record. I also read it to my Walnut Street S. School & got from them fifteen dollars for books for your work. I should like you to have some of our books I mean those of the late "Committee" that you might know them. How can I best send? Are you ordering anything from Philada or New York? Dr. John Brackens said to me that he thought the Board had better have its Colportage work wound up, and "Publication" cease to be presented, for contributions, to the Churches of our body. Is this the judgment of the West?

He is to stay with the Committee of 21 in New York – the Committee on Finance, – to present a scheme for readjusting all of our Benevolent movements. I trust that the Committee will so report as to give a fresh impulse to our whole work as a Denomination. In the Board of Publication we are harmoniously & happily readjusting and consolidating, but this involves a great deal of detail, & will occupy much of this years time & thought.

With kind regards and wishes

Fraternally

Yours

John W. Dulles.

Black Hawk
Sept 22nd 1870

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
My dear brother

I expect to leave Black Hawk the first of next week I go to Pueblo. I returned from Pueblo home one week since My old throat trouble returned upon me before I reached home. I was perfectly free from all Asthmatic trouble while in the Valley. I propose to preach at Pueblo & also at Bro Irvine's. I cannot hope to get much salary there for the present. I hope to get a liberal grant from the B. D. M. I hope to see you at Denver on next Tuesday, if you should be called away I hope you may leave me any statement inregard to the work &c. you may think necessary with any other matter necessary for me to know. I am suffering still with Asthma. I am truly your brother in toil.

Geo. S. Adams

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New-York, Sept. 22. 1870.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Dear Brother

Can you tell me whether the Rev. Mr. Moore has gone to work in S. E. Col. or not? The Easton people you know are to pay $1000 to Arnold & $800 to Moore But not if Moore is not ~~to~~ at work - Let us know.

2. We have a communication from your Presbytery asking for the addition of Salary ~~to the~~ for Mr. Mitchell at Central City. My only hope at Central was that Mr. M. would get possession of the Congregational House in the absence of a pastor - & play the same game on them that they did on us! But that failing there is no use in trying there! In my judgment all further outlay at Central is useless - or if not absolutely so - entirely unjustifiable when we know how much the same money would do in other places. As to Georgetown - if the people there cannot raise $200 at least for house

here they show too little interest in our cause to make it any object to do any thing for them.

Again I have heard in some way that Mr. Adams is sick & down on the plains most of the time & doing almost nothing for Black-Hawk & that you have been arranging for him to go to Pueblo. The latter arrangement is worth trying. I hope it may succeed - & that his health may be restored - In that case, I think it highly desirable that Mr. Mitchell should extend his labors so as to include Black Hawk - & ultimately change his base to that point.

3. I have already written you about Brown & the Westminster church - B. will not get his money I presume without from $6000. to $10,000 from the East. It will be useless to try out there. I do not think a 2nd church is needed there now - & to pay $1200 a year to help [illegible]tions in Denver, which the man is not what the churches are giving their money for.

4. We have your Report from New Mexico. It is very exhaustive & satisfactory. It gives us [illegible] the information we need. But instead of sending three more men to that field - our judgment is to abandon all H. M. work in that Terr. for the present, turn over McFarland's School to the Education Board & with-draw Annin - or have him taken up by the Foreign Board or by the Am. & For. Christian Union - Not that the work is not important there but that, for the present, with our present or fairly prospective resources the money will accomplish vastly more elsewhere.

Of Montana we hear not a word from any quarter. Arnold Kephart, Burgess & Brown - are all hard at work & hopeful I believe -

I send you by this a circular which will show you about where we stand in many matters - Our prospects are not flattering - Money comes hard.

Yours truly
H. Kendall

(over)

P. S. I have written this to you as our organ of communication. You ought to see how we view things. Please communicate our views about Mr. Mitchell re. ~~to~~ the Presby as if officially from us.

As to the $200. for expenses of moving for Mr. ~~[illegible]~~ Mitchell it does [illegible] seem unreasonable & may be brot up again when we get at some re-adjustment of his position—

Yours & H.K.

Denver 1st The pop not too large for one Ch
2d 1st Ch not over crowded
3d Strangers say pity there shld be 2 chs.

1st Town very much scattered
2nd Most strangers side with the Minority that want new ch
3rd 2d Ch Shearer/. McCandless &c a peace Measure — Lawsuit pending
4th 2d Ch people will largely scattered to Episcop. Meth. &c

1st Believe the chs will work harmony together
Kephart — Cheyenne & Greeley
Mitchell Black Hawk Georgetown

(Copy)

Phil^a. Sept. 23 1870

Rev. W. Y. Brown

Rev. And Dear Sir -

Your letter of this date is just received. In answer to your first inquiry, I would say that I did advise an amicable adjustment of the difficulties in Denver by the Presbytery of Colorado, as being on the ground and best capable of judging of the merits of the whole case.

2^d. In regard to your second inquiry I would state, that as the whole matter had been left to the decision of the Presbytery, the blank Commission was granted to you with the understanding that, if, in the judgement of the Presbytery of Colorado, there was room for two Churches, and that the establishment of the two would secure the most harmonious & peaceable adjustment of the whole case, & they recommended your appointment to the 2^d. Church to be established ~~there~~ at Denver, that you would be, at once, located there by the Board.

Fraternally Yours

G. W. Musgrove.

Cheyenne, W. T. Sept. 23rd 1870.

Dear Bro. Jackson:– Tell Gage if he don't send the key of my room back by Reel, I'll — have to find another, I suppose. Pretty cool affair to lock a man out of his own house and then vamose with the key!

Can't you arrange matters so as to be with me at a communion on the 3rd Sabbath of October, and go on to Laramie the next Sabbath? The 3rd Sabbath would be the 16th. I could then report for the quarter, as there would be nothing of importance in October to report after the communion, and, if the Board decide to keep me here, perhaps they would pay my quarter ~~that~~ much in advance in order to let me go in for my family.

Thompson, I suppose, will be very much in favor of dividing my time with Greeley. Seiber do'nt like it at all, but says if we can't do any better, he supposes we must submit to do the best we can. I suspect a little that Dr. Davis is looking a little to a similar arrangement with Greeley. He is now east on a visit with his family. He was very much taken with Greeley, and told me he thought it was a great pity we couldn't move some of our churches down there. If I divide my time with Greeley, I wish he would make the same arrangement, as we could then make an arrangement to alternate our Sabbath's, and thus head off the Methodists and Episcopalians here.

I would just as soon have the

two places as one, so far as my labor is concerned. The only point of difference I have ever seen lies in my fear that if I alternate with some other point, and others have preaching regularly every Sabbath, there is where people will learn to go, and as a consequence it will be hard to increase our attendance, if, indeed, it can be kept up to its present point.

There is another side, however, to the matter, and a vastly more important one— "what would the Lord have us to do." It does hardly seem right that two ministers should be sustained at a heavy expense — at two points so easily accessible to one, while there are so many waste places to fill. And this consideration has the more force inasmuch as neither of the places can contribute any thing to lessen the burden to the Board. If it be more in accordance with the will of God that the labor of one minister should be divided between the two places, and thus both men and money economized, then I am willing to risk the consequences here, for God can overrule all apparent hindrances.

Mr. Young will move to California in a few weeks. Reel will move to Denver. We lose by both. Mr. Young has an excellent house that I suppose will be for sale or rent. But I fear he will leave before I know what I am to do, and his house being a desirable one, will probably be immediately taken. Let me hear from you in relation to our Oct. meeting.

Yours fraternally
W. G. Kephart.

Tell Gage to be sure and send that Key immediately if he would not have a reflection sent after him.
W.G.K.

This is all
a visit to the
Fair,—

Central City Col.
Sept. 29. 1870.

Dear Bro. Jackson:—

This is splendid weather for putting in the foundation of our little church. What is the prospect? I can get the finest location in the city, in my judgment, and as a donation too, I think. Meantime I am negotiating with the Memorial Committee for $1000 toward a parsonage. With the donation of that sum I pledge myself to try a $1200. building. If you can serve any in this, do.

The allowance of the additional amount of salary voted by Presbytery is a necessity to the occupation of this field. Perhaps the Board should know this.

In reply to my letter to Georgetown nothing has been rec'd. Mr. McClellan was down one day when I was not at home, and he told Bro. Adams, as he reported to me, that if I would remove to G. things would go on swimmingly, but he didn't think occasional service was of any use to them. Do not know whether this is all of the matter or not.

Yours in Christ

D. H. Mitchell

Corinne, Utah.
Sept 30th, 1870.

Dear Bro Jackson;

I write to apprise you of the postponement of the dedication of our church, on account of unavoidable delays in the delivery of the material, till Nov. 6th. We are pushing the building the [illegible] as rapidly as possible, & find that it will be utterly impossible to have it ready before that time. I have written another article for our papers, & hope & pray that the result will be such as to enable us to present our house to the Lord free of debt. It is going to be a very nice edifice, quite an ornament to the town.

Some-how [illegible] Peirce saw my first article to the papers, took advantage of the hint about an Academy, with what results you will see from the clippings which I enclose.

– I would write you a copy of article second were it not that I am very busy just now, & it is nearly post time.

Received one on profession at our last Communion. Have a meeting of the session to-night to examine another candidate. In haste.

Yours in Xt Jesus.
Edward E. Bayliss.

P. S.
Received the $2000 from Bro Wilson last night.
E.E.B.

Santa Fe New Mexico
Oct 5th 18[illegible]

Bro Jackson
Denver Col

[illegible] and the money I borrowed to pay for the adjoining property for this mission will be due the 22nd of this month and I have no earthly prospect of getting the money here. [illegible] under great embarrassment and write to you knowing that you will sympathize with me.

I have just recd a letter from Mr Dulles Chairman of the Five Million fund Committee in which he says that the Com. have no funds and can do nothing for me in the purchase of the Edgar property here for our female School. He says the appeal of Sec. Ellenwood has met with no response, and the Com. cannot undertake the work of soliciting the funds. Now what do you advise me to do? Give up all idea of getting that property and abandon this mission field where God has so abundantly prospered our efforts

[illegible] so add to the burden of [illegible] the heavy burden of [illegible] dollars for want of money to pay it. to do it.

to preach pure gospel among this people.
The Catholic schools opened here this week and
have taken several from our schools simply
because of their better accommodations.
With suitable buildings for our schools this
mission would soon become self sustaining.
The Edgar property can now be bought at the price
offered, with time on the greater part of the money
if we had a few thousand dollars to pay at once.
It will not be sold for two or three weeks, waiting
on me to take it at my offer. So write me at
once your opinion what I should attempt to do
in the matter, and when I hear from you and [illegible]
the prospect of securing it I will give up all hope
of seeing the mission here accomplishing what should
be accomplished in the near future. Did you
write anything for the papers in the matter?
I have seen nothing in any of my papers.

A good Methodist Bro from Chicago [illegible]
spent last Sab with me and preached for us.
He is on his way to the Pima Indians
Arizona going on his own responsibility.
He expects to visit Yuma the [illegible]
by the way. We should have a Pres. Minister
there immediately. There are some two thou-
sand inhabitants principally Americans and
no Minister of any church in the place.

So write me immediately as I am in great
straits at the present time as I know not what
to do. [illegible]

Central City Col.
Oct. 5. 1870.

Dear Brother:—

Dr. Kendall sees the situation well. When I decided to come here it was with the expectation of receiving $1000= on the ground. Private assurances to this effect had been given. But these cannot be realized. To gain a foothold here will require years of outlay — for the present the entire support of the preacher.

Of Georgetown about the same may be said.

For the remainder of my year — first six months —

I have no objection to making a change in Black Hawk, if agreeable to them — as I understand it would be — provided the Board continues my appropriation without reduction. The propriety of this will appear from considering that I have been running behind for the last six months. Should the B.H. church pay me, proportionately as they did brother Adams there still would be a deficit at the end of the year.

As to the $200 for traveling expenses, — if it is delayed much longer it will approach, if not reach, "com' value." Hope it "may be brought up again" before my credit fails.

Hope you will be able to be at B. H. Sabbath. They are anxious to consult with you, and I doubt not an arrangement satisfactory to them, to the Board, and to myself, can be made. Come if possible.

You have my sympathies in the trials thro' which you are passing. The Lord keep and comfort you and yours.

Affectionately Your Bro,
D. H. Mitchell

Central City Colorado
Oct. 7, 1870.

Dear Bro. Jackson:—

Upon reflection I fear the matter of the $200 for expenses was put altogether too mildly in my last.

I will suffer any "ready instrument" our fatherly friend Dr. Kendall may prescribe, if only he will send soon the $200. And sufficient reason for this readiness for martyrdom you may draw from the fact that, since my ascent of the mountains up to this date I have rec'd but just $200 from the Board — the 2nd quarter being now due but not rec'd. — and

that $100 = you borrowed
(You recollect $100 of 1st quarter's salary in ad.
for me. While all the
~~the~~ time I am paying $30
a month for house rent,
supporting my family where
every thing costs from 30 to 80
per cent more than in the
states, and paying 2 per
cent a month on my
freight bill!

Wonder how long the
far-seeing Dr. would
think a person could stand
this without "readjustment"
or being "brought up" — flat!

When my position has
been readjusted I hope I shall
need it much less than now.

But here I am —
for serving or slaughter!

Yours

G. H. Mitchell

Corinne Utah.
October 7th 1870.

Dear Bro Jackson,

I write this confidentially for the purpose of asking your advice in reference to my leaving Corinne. I have been thinking of ~~the~~ this for the past two months. Neither Mrs. B— nor myself like the place. There is a lack of hearty co-operation on the part of the members, very little vital piety, scarcely any interest in the spiritual prosperity of our church. The grand aim appears to be, ~~"we want~~ "a church which will, for its architectural beauty, be an ornament to our town". Not, what can be done for the enlightenment of the ignorant, the reclamation of the backslidden, the conversion of souls. The majority of my members have never been near my week-night prayer meeting. Taylor left the church because he found that he could not boss it over me, & of course his wife left with him. His dogmatic spirit became apparent the very first public meeting I held in the place. We had met for the purpose of organizing a church choir, a suitable lady had been found who was willing to take the lead very well skilled in music. Taylor opposed it on the grounds that we did not know each others abilities, & another thing, "he was not going to sing under any woman". The result being after having interested seven individuals to be present for the purpose of organizing the majority left displeased, & would not meet to practice after. Again we called a meeting for the purpose of taking steps to get up a festival, quite a number of the friends gathered, willing to take hold & put the thing through. Taylor threw cold water on the meeting by opposing ~~the object~~, & demanding what the object of the festival was; he having been previously informed. After the organization of our church, & election of an elder, he was awfully out of sorts because he thought he was slighted in not being elected.

After drawing up my first article for publication he felt slighted because his name was not mentioned, & his wife would not, after requesting six copies, send them to their friends, on the ground that "It was of no use sending them to their friends as Mr. Taylor's name was not mentioned." But please pardon my bringing such rubbish before your notice. It verily appears nothing short of childs play, but such play makes it very unpleasant for the minister. — I have heard through Dr. Wilson that Bro Arnold will probably have to leave Laramie on account of the "Ch. Erc. Com." not being in a condition to render him the assistance asked for. Now I have thought that it would be a great saving to the funds of our Mission Board, if Arnold came here, instead of their paying the expenses of a man from some Eastern State. What do you think?? I have thought that I am deficient of the requisite executive ability required in a field like this. Due, probably, to my English training. These

Western Pioneers are a very difficult class to deal with. If I had ~~a~~ charge of a church, or churches in the East I feel confident of success, because the manners & customs are more similar to ~~&~~ what I have been accustomed. Mrs. B— is expecting to be confined in about four weeks from present date so that I could not well leave before Dec; but I thought that I would write you for counsel in the matter. I shall not write Dr. Kendall before I hear from you. Provided you answer at your earliest convenience. I should like to see our church put through successfully before I leave.

Hoping to hear from you immediately.

I remain, Dear Bro.
Yours in Xt Jesus.
Edward E. Bayliss.

N. B. Private correspondence. Please dont mention the matter to any one, until you hear from me again.

Yours etc
E.E.B.

[illegible] 11th, 1870.

[illegible]

of it. I told Thompson that my understanding [illegible], that you would tell him [illegible] he was unwilling to allow it. I regret that you gave [illegible] the order on the treasurer, as it looked like a certificate (so he construes it) that they owed him that amount,

P.S. – Thompson removes temporarily to Greeley to-morrow. Our S.S. Supt. has gone to Penna. for a wife. He says it will add another Presbyterian to our church.

and I am fearful he may [illegible] use it [illegible], if he is [illegible]ed to make us [illegible].

Have you had a letter from [illegible]? He [illegible] to me [illegible], but [illegible] [illegible] a flat [illegible]. I [illegible] believe it. A rich lady in Newport, R. I., has written him, [illegible], that the [illegible] must be built, she says, "[illegible]" and let us know what you need. This, he says, came from a quarter entirely unlooked-for [illegible] has [illegible]. Her husband, he writes, is a millionaire. Bro. H. also writes me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] three [illegible], and [illegible] a babe. That is in[illegible]

I have received no intimation of the [illegible] of the [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] property.

The [illegible] [illegible] sent us out a box of books last week. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] any bill with [illegible], and with no mark to designate from whom or whence the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I left them in the express office, expecting that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] one in relation to [illegible].

Two days after I [illegible] a letter from [illegible] R. L. [illegible] stating that [illegible] [illegible] to the box, and ~~that~~ [illegible], Fargo & Co. had in-~~structions~~ [illegible] again to deliver

the books to me at their office
in Cheyenne, free of all charge.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Then talked
to the agent, Mr. Bell. He said
he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in-
structions), and if he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
or without instructions) he would
[illegible] personally responsible
to the Company if he [illegible] fit to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] was no
doubt [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] written on
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] state of the case,
leaving the box till [illegible] a re-
turn answer, when I suppose
[illegible] Bell will be [illegible] at liberty
[illegible] and will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Mr. [illegible] writes me that there
are 150 volumes, and [illegible] [illegible]
of the box [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]). This will make
up quite a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I married a gentleman from
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] me
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. He met her here
brought her up to [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
with him, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] married them
in time to take the [illegible] train
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but [illegible] it will
turn. I hope this will find you
well. Respects to Mrs J.
[illegible] W. G. [illegible]

Las Vegas N. M. Wed. Morng
Oct. 12th 1870

My Dear Bro. Jackson

Recd yours of the 5th, Mon. Morng the 9th. I have written, as you find inclosed to the Bd of H. Miss. — I hardly know whether to send it or not — whether it is right or not: send it on if you see no objection. At present I cannot believe that this mission is to be abandoned. but I dont know. I wrote to Mrs Graham soon after I heard an intimation concerning removal, & she replied "I cannot think that the Bd will remove you but shd. they think of it, or intend it — we will see what we can do." I have had it in my mind for a good while to write to the Am. & Forn. Christn Un. though on another matter — It seems to me that the work here is a good deal in their line —

There are a good many things that occur to me to say, or to ask, which I have not said or asked in my letter. 1st Is it not strange that the Bd. should not write to the men on the ground (the Missionaries) at a very early day in the history of the proceedings? 2d. Would the Bd. dissolve & disorganize the Presby. of Santa Fe, of its own authority & motion. 3d. Is ~~it~~ not this a matter on which the Secretaries would desire & should have the deliberate counsel of the Bd. in full meeting & on which the Bd. would hesitate to act: until the Assembly sh'd have opportunity to traverse & investigate the whole matter. These inquiries of course are between You & me (at present.) I have not money enough to get away from here free from debt: I doubt whether I could come to Denver. But all is in God's hands & God is our Father. In a long wakeful time I had last night the words came into my mind & I repeated them often "Trust in the Lord & do good. So shalt thou dwell in the land & verily ye"

Yrs ever J. A. Annin

Laramie Wyoming Territory
October 14th 1870

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Dear Brother.

Yesterday I received your letter, and was glad to hear from you. In regard to your coming we shall be most happy to see you, but will be very glad to have you with us one week from next Sabbath as it will be our Communion D.V.

We also expect some 10, or, 12 to unite with us on that occasion.

I send this to Cheyenne fearing you may not get it before you leave your home.

We have just moved into our new house, which is quite convenient Mrs [illegible] gave us $500 towards our house, and seems greatly interested in all our prospects and labors

In regard to our House of Worship I hardly know what to think, our only hope is, God lives and He will provide for the wants of his people. I have written a long letter to the Brainard Church as you suggested. I also correspond with Sister Hone of Brooklyn and with a Mr White of Albany. So you see I am not idle, Mrs A writes much to Mrs Parish and others,

I have written this in great haste. Mrs A joins in kind regards. When you come I have sundry to tell you. This evening I go to Rawlings, Pessey etc.

If possible please spend the 23. with us. I believe you will be strengthened and refreshed for your work by coming. The Coes are just leaving. God bless you & Bro. Kephart. Did Bro K. get that petition to Pres. Ames.?

Yours Truly T L Arnold

Idaho Col Oct 14 - 70

Rev S Jackson

Dear Bro.

Yours of Oct. 11 is to hand
also the books.

It is with the greatest pleasure
and satisfaction we receive the
kind donation many thanks to
you and the kind donors
May kind heaven reward.

With the greatest pleasure we send
as requested the names, ages, and
size, of our family. That is the
three that are still a charge
under our care.

Daniel Draper 14 years old
past. five ft 2½ in. high
Twenty seve in. round waist
16½ in. cross shoulder, Arm
23 in. long,

Ethel Calpurnia. 7 years
old 4 ft 5 in high, 22 in. round
waist, 13 in cross shoulders, arm
17½ in ~~[illegible]~~ long

Finis being 4 years old
3 ft 2½ in high 21½ in Round,
12 in across shoulders, arm 12 in long.
As regards the kind of articles
I would say Economy is the
main thing to be observed
Any article that we can use
will be very acceptable.
Have been hopeing to get a
letter from you saying that
you was comeing to preach 3 or
4 days during which time we
could select a suitable location
for a church house. Have 2 or
3 in view. But as you have
said nothing in relation to when
you can come or whether you can
come at all; Would be very thankful
for any instructions
Our cause appears to be increasing
some although rather slowly
Best respects to you and family
Your bro. in Christ
Geo Rice

Colorado City Col.
Oct. 16, 1871.

Dear Brother,

I arrived here [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] have been [illegible] Bro. [illegible] last. I preached 15 miles below Col. C. Sab. afternoon & at Bro. Irvins. Mr. Hanna Meth. Minister took me in his buggy. I found 8 Congregationalists 15 mi. from the mountains & think it probable I shall preach there regularly. They offered to keep me if I would come & live among them.

Mr. Miller gave me the card of a Mr. Zandoblia to whom he said he would send my trunk. As there is no such man in the place & there is such a name in Pueblo, I suppose he has sent it down there. Will you see him about it? I'd like to have my trunk as soon as possible.

Yours in the [illegible] in Haste &
[illegible]
[illegible]

Central City Colorado,
Oct. 18, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson :-

Despite the storm I spent the Sabbath at Golden. What with the storm and the failure to publish the notice, the audience was not overwhelming. In the evening I prudently doubled teams with Bro. Millington.

What do I think? Those whom I met seemed anxious to have a preacher settled there. A small congregation might be gathered and a small sum raised for support. Beyond this, unfortunately, there is nothing. Or at least nothing appears. Ought I voluntarily to exile myself there? The fact is my present predicament is positively puzzling.

So far as my judgment goes Denver & Central are the only promising points in these parts. The former is occupied and the latter is to be abandoned. What am I to do? Of course I might go to Golden to fill out my year, or any other place. ~~[illegible]~~ But would that be expedient? Or, I might surrender my commission and then undertake to master the situation myself.

Nothing from the Board yet. No man ought to run the risk to his reputation which I am compelled to do by this failure of my salary. After negotiating for a three months credit to fail in meeting my obligations there is too bad. The Board should pay monthly or if by the quarter, in advance. To put off pay-day for three months & then disappoint expectation is trying human nature beyond reason. Nobody is to blame but the system.

Hope you succeeded in getting your instalment. Maybe, after a little, will forget those initial troubles.

Very truly Your Bro.
D. H. Mitchell.

P.S. You will conclude that I decided to decline your invitation to visit Denver. I hope that it will not be long before I accept the same. Not knowing the extent of the storm in the mountains & my wife not being well, I "felt" to return at once.

By the way, I have an invitation from Mr. McCoy to send him an appointment in Georgetown. He ought to be elder up there.

D. H. M.

Corinne ~~Utah~~ Utah.
Oct 19th 1870.

Dear Bro Jackson.

Your letters were received, thanks for the cheering nature of their contents. Since writing you I have felt very much encouraged in view of the manner in which members of our church are coming into our place; next Lord's Day I receive six into communion, five on certificate & one on profession, & baptize one. I have a little job on hand for you at Dedication day, if please God. My wife is sufficiently recovered so as to be able to get out to church. We have an accession of two little fellows, both doing well. Mrs B— had a real hard time of it, is to-day feeling better & looking brighter. A good missionary box is very much needed by us at present. I am rather short of warm clothing. Mrs B- do. & then we only looked for, & consequently provided articles for one little stranger instead of two.

Many thanks for your kindness. With Xtian love to your family

I am Dear Bro.
Yours in Xst.
Edward E. Bayliss.

Omaha October 19. 1870

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Yours of the 5th & 10th inst I just received yesterday. D.V. I will be in Black Hawk next week to preach on the following Sunday. If possible I will come directly from here — I should if I had funds but our last quarterage has not been recd which has made me short. This is final & nothing but some interposition of Providence will prevent my coming.

I feel very greatful for your kind word of sympathy in my very great bereavement and also for that of Mrs Jackson, and my prayer is that you may not need the same.

Yours in the Gospel

W. E. Hamilton.

Brooklyn Octr 22/70

Dear Bro Jackson,

Thanks for the "Interior" a satisfactory article that. If we can only *wait*, right will be made manifest. Dr. Musgrave must have an uncomfortable spirit. Your work *is telling*. Shall you get any of the Memorial Fund? you could dispose of a goodly portion in a goodly way.

We return'd to Brooklyn Sept 25th after an absence of three months. my health steadily improving all the time. feel almost as before my sickness - still *not quite* as to strength. How is your Wife bearing all these changes, since leaving the pretty Little Manse? Is her health good? Are you comfortably house'd? What more can I do to stop the Presbyterian? it has *been* delivered here all summer - though I wrote to Philadelphia

& you, to have it stopped. Please try
again to have it understood, it troubles me.
I have discontinued pamphlets &c it is
so troublesome to the servants, each requiring
a ring at the door, & I could not read all I
took.

The second Presbyterian Ch has adopted
the Jay St Pres^{n} & have just started
together hopefully. Rev Mr Green former
Pastor in Jay St, now over the two Congregations.
Shall you come East this Fall?
I would love to hear from you if you
do not come, & see you if you do.

It is bed time & I must stop.
Mr Holiday is doing well in his little
Ch, The Trasks are well, would send love
I know. We often speak of you & yours
E joins me in love to Mrs I & yourself.
What of the Children?

Yours in Christ. S.M.I. Merrill.

St Pierre
Oct 27

Dear Brother [illegible]

We have al-
most forgotten your fa-
milies - Our [illegible]
[illegible] - till of late you
[illegible] - [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] -

Then there is -
[illegible] here a large of
[illegible] - [illegible] that
[illegible] for - the sick - was
able to attend upon
the sick - - We have
all [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible]
- We are yet [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

& eating in another
five doors away
My work has much
extended — Since the
consultation — I am
trying to train the Pres-
byterians to look more
after their own un-
churched — to obtain the
children below them
& train within reach
& often take one or
other member of the
Missionary Committee
with me on my
rounds — After
[illegible]
ten & I make a visit
to the other minis-
ters — very much
visiting & preaching to
5 other Churches.

requiring one new
one — I think it the
better way — The rest-
ing acct's was in some
cases shifted too far
away from the
Post — Lots Administration
I am no more
certain about my
work or appointment
than formerly —
Seeing some time
in Months — Such
times when the
[illegible] were [illegible]
whole at U.S.
Our [illegible] of
George [illegible] [illegible]
a pretty young [illegible]
[illegible] —
Brother George &
begin to [illegible] [illegible]

fickle - He will
lose on the change
of him a carpenter
is enough to Charles
unless he fixes them
some where soon
I would like him
at home - but
he thinks off -
then on - don't
know where he is now
Don't know whether
I can go to Rochester
or move on East
if I die
All send
love to Mrs J- & the
Children Yours truly Lyon

Colorado City.
Oct. 29, "70.

Bro. Jackson,

Mr. Douglas wishes to know whether you have sent east for the dismission, I mean church certificates, for himself & family. He does not wish to send for them if you have.

I have been out on the "divide" 18 miles and have assisted 3 days in building the new M. E. ch. They seemed very anxious to have me preach there regularly. There is one Pres. family. Tomorrow

Rev. Warren, Rev. Perkins & I expect to hold a series of meetings 18 miles down the Fountain. The app. was made before I saw either of them. I go to assist. There are 5 ev. families near the place, ½ way down to Bro. Irwin's.

The people are not supplied with singing or Hymn books. I have spoken to Bro. Douglas about it & (also to Rev. Warren M.E. minister) & he thinks it would be best for us to have two dozen books "Pres. Psalmodists," & have them kept by some one.

I have not yet seen my trunk. I think shall go to Pueblo next week. I hoped to have heard from you about it before this. I am not in a very good state for clothing till I get my trunk.

Yours in haste.

A. J. Gage.

P.S. Heard from Bro. J. G. this eve. He recd. a quasi call from Central City Iowa. He is now at home Roxabelle Ohio.

A. J. G.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

Sat" Eve". Percy STATION, Oct 29th 1870

Dear Bro Jackson

I have just addressed a very earnest, attentive congregation at the ticket office in this place, and I experienced great joy in holding up Jesus Christ to such a hungry people as this, all the section men came in, and they look forward to the time I come with great delight,

Since you were at our house we have received letters from his Parish but not the least encouragement in regard to our house of worship. In my report I told the Secretaries, I should have no courage to remain at Laramie unless we should have a church building erected, If we have an edifice I am promised $300 towards my

Support, and I am fully convinced, it would be but a very short time before we become self supporting. Tokens of kindness meet me every where, but as I and others have promised them a Church building if they would do all they are able, I cannot stay if we fail. I have no ray of hope from any human source, and can only say "My soul wait thou only upon God for my expectation is from him"!

Rev. L. O. Gilmore D.D., of Niagara Falls" preaches in Laramie tomorrow, a Cousin of Superintendent Gilmore; he is much interested in our church there, I think you will meet him at Corinne the C. What day will you pass through Laramie? With many prayers & good wishes I am Yours truly H L Arnold

Blair 27 Oct. 18[illegible]

Dear Bro. Jackson

Yours Rec'd — I do hope you will not send / 2500$. church = 1st I came to Fremont with / promise of a little better building than that — And without some such building it will be hard to compete with existing Denominations. I feel inclined to make a long steady pull at Fremont till something permanent has been effected at least —

2nd 2500$ will not fulfil / condition of / obligation wh. Galpin & Alcorn gave — viz a $[illegible] church

as you had privately prom-
ised 3000$ However
that will not trouble us -
It will be 3000 - in land
I am not sure this
is best - A prospective
R.R. will advance prop-
erty in value -
Blair will probably
build 10 miles this fall
& secure land grant -
It may soon be hard to
get other lots - And lots
we have are likely to be-
come more central so
Alcorn thinks since
Blair arrived with his
R.R. proposition this
week - I am more
pleased with Fremont
as a place of prospective
importance We need
a chapel at Blair

I wish you would see Mr. Brown A.C. New York in regard to *parsonage* for Fremont rents *are* *awful* — And as bad if you try to board The Cong. minister pays 300$ for a house worth 1000$ — ~~He~~ I pay 75$ year for *one* *small* room

I had thought of *writing* Mrs. Brown

I am not discouraged though annoyed at Fremont — I can *take a good deal* *now* —

The people here think 1000$ would suffice for a chapel.

Mr. Walker says Sioux C. R.R. will *not* touch Columbus — John L Gage

over

I will try & hold / lots in reserve - The Cong. minister is very fraternal at Fremont

Dr. Chase will make trouble - He has written contract for 3000 x

Cheyenne, Oct. 29th 1870.

Dear Bro. Jackson:— Mr. Fredendal, who married Dora Karns a short time since, has removed to Denver to take charge of the store of Mr. Martin, for whom he has been clerking in this place. Neither Dora nor her husband are members of the church. Will you call on them once in a while, and try to have them attend one of the Presb. churches in Denver?

I have had no word from the Board yet. They have delayed action upon my case so long that I fear if they do agree to renew my commission, as requested, they will date it from the 1st Nov., instead of the 1st of August. That would only give me $250 for the quarter just ended.

There will be some $70 of that (more if they should delay payment beyond the usual time,) due Bro. Scriber on my boarding, which will hardly leave me enough to bring my family out. But, by the way, what is the regulation of the Board in such cases? Does the missionary have to take his family out to his field at his own expense or ~~that~~ of the Board. Foreign missionaries, I know, go at the expense of the Board, but I do not know what the regulation of our Board is.

Bro. Davis returned yesterday, but I have not yet seen him.

I suppose you can find Fredendal by calling at the Fremont House, which, I think, is kept by Dora's uncle. My best respects to Mrs J.

Yours fraternally,

I. L. Kephart.